



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

Website: You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

Preauthorized Remittance: This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net to have a form sent to you.

Mail: You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

The church office is open again at its regular hours from 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. Shaundra, our office admin, is back to work!

MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD BANK

Mission and Outreach will be holding a Food Bank Drive over the next 6 weeks, with the goal of helping to restock the Miles St Food bank shelves.



All donations of non-perishables gladly received at the church until October 31st! Baby food, pasta, sauce, canned tuna/salmon, pork and beans, Kraft Dinner.... are some of the well received items!

Thank you.

SUNDAY REMIX

To stay connected to the congregation, we will upload a Sunday Remix online. These videos will be available Monday. Please visit our Facebook page or our website to find a link to the Sunday Remix. <http://standrewspres-tbay.ca/>

SHORTBREAD BAKERS

Many bakers make light work. For 200 lbs of butter, 10 baker means 20 lbs of butter each. If we can get 20 bakers, that's only 10 lbs each. Some will make more and some less. We appreciate whatever amount of baking you can do. Please contact our Office Admin Shaundra and let her know if you are able to bake. All baked shortbread should be packed in plastic bags in boxes or in cookie tins or airtight containers of some sort. If you want your container back, please label it. It will be kept frozen until it is packed by a separate group. All shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours.

ZOOM SHORTBREAD BAKING SESSION

Thursday October 8th at 7pm
led by Kathie Pawlik

This will be a shortbread baking lesson for anyone who wants to learn or needs a refresher. Please register with our Office Admin Shaundra and you will be given a link the week of the Zoom Call.

SHORTBREAD SALES

Customers can e-transfer the amount to the church at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net before pick-up or can pay cash upon pick-up. E-transfers must include "Shortbread" in the notes.

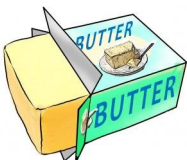
Curbside pickup will be available at the church
Thurs Nov 19th 5-8
Sat Nov 21st 10-3
Sunday Nov 22nd noon-2pm
Cost \$5/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

Customers need to be made aware of
a) total cost of their order
b) pick-up arrangements.

BUTTER

Bakers can pick up butter as needed from the church. All butter taken from the freezer downstairs needs to be recorded on the sheet on top of the freezer. If you wish to donate the butter, you can receive an "in-kind" donation receipt from the church for the cost of the purchase.



From Joyce



Today I want to celebrate our staff! St. Andrew's employs five part time staff. They are organized, hard working, creative, kind, as well as a great team. Each has adapted to whatever was needed in the last six months while the church was closed and they continue to allow their job descriptions to be somewhat molded to the requirements of each week. I am going to share a little of what each has done to help the congregation through these changing times, knowing that I cannot fully share the full extent of their impact on our congregation's well-being.

Shaundra, our office administrator, has been with us the longest, her creativity and willingness to take on new challenges had already been a mark of her work at St. Andrew's, but as we moved to online worship in April, she figured out how to take our pieces, make them a whole, and create a YouTube worship video each week. This has permanently changed the job description as we know that online worship is here to stay. As we head into a new strategy for an online version of the St. Andrew's bazaar, she is key to our communication and organization as she uses her knowledge and creative gifts to support all our work.

Jamie, our choir director, and Rebecca our organist, are using their gifts to lead our worship in music. Both of them had to learn about video recording and how to make that portion work for online worship. They have collaborated wonderfully to enhance our worship both online and in person. We have learned that Rebecca has a wonderful voice and Jamie has used his gifts as a seasoned performer to lead us in hymns. We can look forward to more from them as they work through finding ways in which worship, particularly in person worship, can be edifying and meaningful even when we cannot sing hymns ourselves. They are dedicated and professional and so wonderful to work with.

Barb is our bookkeeper. She started in December of 2019, right as the Christmas rush began and we headed into year end and the annual meeting. She was not fazed, taking on the tasks methodically and cheerfully. She has made my life so streamlined. No matter what is needed she is willing to learn, ask questions, and find a solution. None of my requests seem to be too much. She is organized and thorough, qualities of high value in someone doing the books. She too has adapted throughout the last months so that deposits were made and the Session was kept informed.

Sheila, our custodian, started worked in March, the day after we closed the church due to Covid. One might wonder what she has been up to while no one else was around, but she took that time to get familiar with the building – very familiar. Sheila has washed every floor and wall in the building. Each pew was cleaned even to the point of taking a tooth brush to the intricate wood work at the end of every pew. She repaired numerous things, painted some window frames on the upper floors, and of course kept the outside of the building monitored and cleaned up, just to list a few things. She too is very organized and we have counted on her as a part of the re-opening team. She is a gifted artist and our offering box and fabric pew markers have been gifts she created for us.

We give thanks for each of these people that God has brought to us. They are gifts from God and a blessing to our congregation who bring laughter and joy. I could go on but I think this help you to know just how valuable they are.

DONATIONS

Christmas may seem like a long way off but not really! We want you to consider , as in past years, generously supporting: Elizabeth Fry Society, the two women's shelters, Faye Peterson and Beendigen, and the Children's Aid Society. It is very simple this year; if you could please write a cheque to St Andrew's (memo Mission and Outreach; this will be added to your year end tax receipt), or provide a food gift card, or cash (please give directly to Jan Sewell). No items or merchandise can be collected/donated this year due to COVID. Thank you!

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Sunday Worship - 11:00am